

Systems FAC Meeting

17 Oct 2000

1. Knowledge Base – It has been requested that the ability to edit and delete entries in the Corps CADD Knowledge Base be made available to those with logins to add data. All agreed that this would be a good thing. Mary Diel (SPK) will write up a Scope of Work for the project and Rock Island District will do the programming. It was also asked as to whether there was a way to import a local Access Database into the Knowledge Base instead of having to retype all the data again. It cannot be done at this time, but it will be investigated as a possibility in the future.
2. Job Descriptions of CADD Administrators -- There was a discussion on CADD Administrator job descriptions, job series and grade, and location of the position (IMO or Engineering) in the districts. There seems to be no consistency from district to district. It does appear though, that more and more IMO shops are trying to get the position under IMO and that in order to get the job classified as a 12 it must be in the 334 (Computer Specialist) series. John Kincaid (MVR) is going to be writing up a memo for headquarters addressing this issue. He would like some input from us. So please drop him a line (John.A.Kincaid@usace.army.mil) with your input (and supporting evidence, if possible) on where the job should be located and what duties (if any) make the job unique (in general or specifically to Engineering Division) from other computer specialist positions. Also include how this position is handled in your district.
3. Bentley Select Server – Bentley is investigating the idea of setting up a tiered pricing structure for their Select Services. The proposal includes paying a higher fee per license for Select Service (perhaps 2 ½ times the current rate) but you would then have access to all the Bentley product lines. For example, if you purchased Select Service for 20 licenses of MstationJ, you would also have access to 20 licenses of Triforma or Modeler, etc. Glen Kato (NWS) and John Kincaid are going to talk to Doug Moat to get more details. This will not be a mandatory change, just an option at renewal time.
4. Report on AEC Standards and Workspace Implementation Plan – The draft implementation plan is about 85% done, but the work is going very slowly. The team working on the plan hopes to have the draft report sent out to this group for comments within a few weeks. Please keep your eyes open for it and take the time to read and comment.
5. Conversion of MA's -- The conversion is complete. The final product includes a single build file to build all the utilities. John Kincaid will send the product to Glen Kato for posting on the Corps CADD page (<http://ckb.wes.army.mil>).
6. Next Meeting: Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2000, 2:30 p.m. EST, (904) 232-4998.